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1. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET AUG. 7 EXPRESSED URGENT NEED TO HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON UPCOMING VISITS UNDER SUBJECT AGREEMENT.

2. MARINE OIL POLLUTION FROM SHIPPING: DESPITE SEVERAL CABLES FROM HYDROMET TO WALLACE, SOVIET SIDE STILL AWAITING ARRIVAL PLANS AND COMPOSITION OF USDEL FOR AUG. 19-SEPT. 2 MEETING.

3. WATER POLLUTION - RIVER BASIN MODELLING: SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER SHTEPA DELEGATION CAN BE RECEIVED FOR US VISIT STARTING SEPT. 19 RATHER THAN SEPT. 10 AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.

4. MARINE OIL POLLUTION FROM NON-SHIPPING SOURCES: HYDROMET REPORTS THAT EITHER SEPT. 15-25 OR OCT. 1-10 VISIT TO USSR BY BALSLEY GROUP ACCEPTABLE. WISHES TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KNOW EXACTLY WHEN BALSLEY COMING AND COMPOSITON OF

DELEGATION.

5. IN ORDER TO AVOID VISA COMPLICATIONS AND URGENT REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BE SENT TO SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON (REF B), IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO HAVE ASAP THE COMPOSITION OF USDEL ARRIVING AUG. 19 (PARA TWO ABOVE). IN CASE OF DR. BUCKLEY'S LAKES AND ESTUARIES GROUP, EMBASSY RECEIVED FINAL COMPOSITION JULY 25 AND TRANSMITTED IT BY OFFICIAL LETTER SAME DAY TO HYDROMET. UNLESS EMBASSY OFFICER HAND-DELIVERS SUCH LETTERS IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER OFFICIAL BUSINESS REQUIRING PERSONAL DEMARCHE, EMBASSY DRIVER DELIVERS THEM. THEY THEN ARE SIFTED THROUGH PROTOCOL DIVISION OF SOV AGENCY CONCERNED (AND ARE PRESUMABLY SCREENED) BEFORE REACHING ADDRESSEE. IN CASE OF JULY 25 LIST, ACCORDING TO KAZAKOV, LETTER REACHED HIM ABOUT MONDAY MORNING, JULY 30. THIS LEFT ONLY ONE WEEK BEFORE REF B ARRIVED INDICATING EARLY DEPARTURE OF GROUP FROM US AND URGENT NEED FOR VISA AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WAS SENT BY SOVIETS ON AUGUST 7 AFTER EMBASSY INTERVENTION. KAZAKOV DEFENSIVELY INDICATED THAT MORE LEAD-TIME (I.E., EARLY NOTIFICATION OF COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS) IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SMOOTH OPERATION OF VISA-RELATED MATTERS. IN CASE OF WALLACE GROUP, ARRIVING AUGUST 19, TIME IS ALREADY ALMOST TOO SHORT, HE ADDED.

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